



TUESDAY EVENING, NOV. 20, 1906.

As was stated in yesterday's Gazette, the Court of Review of the Episcopal Church at Buffalo, N. Y., has affirmed the decision of the Ecclesiastical Court at Batavia which recently suspended Rev. Dr. Algernon S. Craspey for heretical teaching. There is no appeal from this decision. It is hard to understand how the appellate court could have done otherwise in face of the facts in the case. The accused reverend was found guilty of impugning the doctrine of the divinity of Jesus Christ, the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity and the doctrine of the virgin birth of Jesus. And, finally, he was found guilty of violating the following vow, taken at his ordination as a priest:

I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I do solemnly engage to conform to the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

Will you be ready, with all faithful diligence to banish and drive away from the Church all erroneous and strange doctrines, contrary to God's Word; and to use both public and private monitions and exhortations as well to the sick as to the well, within your cures, as need shall require and occasion give?

Answer—I will do so, the Lord being my helper.

A DISPATCH FROM LONDON SAYS:

"A flicker between the United States and Great Britain for the exchange of the Philippine Islands for Newfoundland and Jamaica is on, according to reports which come to the correspondent of the Publishers' Press from a high diplomatic source. The initial suggestion came from England and the United States government showed willingness to discuss the proposal. It is believed Jamaica would accept the change, but a hitch might occur when Newfoundland's consent was sought. It is also likely that Canada would object."

There is little chance of England giving up any of the possessions named above, but if the United States could be induced to trade the Philippines for a yellow dog and then kill the dog it would be the best thing that could happen for this country. The Philippines have been a drain upon the money and men of the United States since they were purchased from Spain.

As the facts in connection with the brutal murder of Miss Grace Brown and the casting of her body into Moose Lake, New York, are brought to light, the crime appears to have been heinous in every detail. It is similar to the murder of Miss Lillian Madison in Richmond twenty years ago for which Cluverius was convicted and hanged. The motive in the Moose Lake affair is akin to that imputed to Cluverius. Chester E. Gillette had monopolized the company of Miss Brown, and the time had arrived when he should have made her his wife, but having tired of the girl he determined to lure his unsuspecting victim to the lake where, it is alleged, he beat her to death and cast her body into the water. While high heaven is calling for vengeance upon the perpetrator of such a crime, we are told that women are daily sending flowers to the man who has thus imbrued his hands in the blood of a trusting member of their own gender.

It is stated that nothing was decided upon in Richmond yesterday at the conference between the railroad men and the State officers concerning the presidency of the R. F. & P. R. R. Company and the swallowing body of that road by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The State officials should be on their guard when they have dealings with the Pennsylvania company and yield not a single point. This company is one of the most grasping corporations in the country; it is a wily antagonist and is out for gain at all times. When the "amicable arrangement" was made some time ago by the "six railroad companies" for the operation of the R. F. & P. road the knowing ones knew that that was the beginning of the end of the Virginia road if the Pennsylvania company were given a free hand. Beware of the Pennsylvania.

The republican majority in the next House has been considerably reduced, but is still larger than necessary for any legitimate purpose. The Senate will assume that the large majority at the other end of the Capitol is a verdict of the people in favor of "standing pat," and it will look with no more favor on a commercial treaty with Germany than on the commercial treaties thus far negotiated. The result will be more than probably a tariff war with a nation that bought \$234,000,000 worth of our products in the last fiscal year.

The New Jersey legislature has three new republican majorities, and the three are republican reformers, who may join on some questions with the democrats. The corporations and trusts who shelter in Jersey had better prepare for trouble this winter.

News of the Day.

Andrew Carnegie has promised to give a million dollars to promote international peace.

Altruists have declared that Harry K. Thaw was insane when he shot Stanford White.

The Alabama State Agricultural School at Athens was blown down by Sunday's storm.

A forthcoming census monograph shows Maryland's wealth to be over \$1,500,000,000.

The American Federation of Labor at its annual session in Minneapolis, yesterday, declared for woman suffrage.

Senator Morgan, of Alabama, would have the South press the negro issue as the paramount one in the democratic party.

Negro leaders planning to prevent the appearance of United States Senator Benjamin R. Tillman at Orchestra Hall, Chicago November 27.

The two leaders of the revolutionists and 20 others implicated in the train robbery at Bogow, Russia, when they got away with \$650,000, have been arrested.

A committee has been appointed by the Arlington Confederate Monument Association in Washington to collect funds for the erection of a memorial to the Confederate dead in the Arlington National Cemetery.

President Roosevelt, who sailed Saturday night from Colon, declared just before he departed that he was so impressed with the magnitude of the canal construction he would like to see one of his sons among the workers on it.

The death of Mrs. Frank R. Stockton, widow of the novelist, occurred last night at her home, in the Prince George apartments, Georgetown. Mrs. Stockton's maiden name was Marion Tuttle. She was born in Georgetown, N. J.

A large Newfoundland dog, said to be suffering from rabies, bit four schoolboys in New York yesterday, and then darted into a tenement house, causing several women in the house to faint and creating a panic. It was finally shot by a patrolman.

H. P. McElstath, M. G. Vilas and J. M. Robertson, directors of the Standard Oil Company, indicted by the grand jury for violation of the Valentine anti-trust law, appeared in court in Findlay, Ohio, yesterday, and gave \$1,000 to appear when wanted. John D. Rockefeller was permitted to give bond through his attorney.

Abner B. Clements, former cashier of the Actna Banking and Trust Company of Butte, Mont.; John T. Hoag, assistant cashier of the same institution in charge of the Washington branch, and Evelevh W. McCormick, of Washington, were indicted by the District grand jury yesterday for conspiracy. The charges against R. S. Donaldson and Miss B. E. T. Kretschmann were ignored.

The wife of Mrs. Varina Jefferson Davis, wife of the President of the Confederate States, was filed in Vicksburg, Mississippi yesterday for probate. The will leaves to Mrs. Davis's daughter, Mrs. Margaret Howell Davis Hayes, of Colorado Springs, Colo., all of the estate with the exception of \$10,000 life insurance, which sum is divided into numerous small bequests.

Thomas Fortune Ryan, multi-millionaire and one of the greatest powers in the financial world last night in a formal statement he announced that he had severed his official connection with many railroad and industrial corporations. He gave as a reason that inasmuch as he is closely associated with financial and fiduciary institutions, owning hundreds of millions of assets and deposits belonging to thousands of people, he considered it necessary to sever his connection with the various corporations with which these institutions are likely to have business dealings.

Acting under orders of Secretary Taft, Major General Ainsworth, the military secretary, has directed that further discharges of the men in the three negro companies of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, on account of the shooting at Brownsville, Tex., be suspended, pending further orders. The action, it was stated last night, is in order to await the return of Secretary Taft to Washington tomorrow, and is pending further advice from President Roosevelt, who has been communicated with on the subject. The War Department has been deluged with protests against the order directing the discharge of the three companies.

Virginia News.

Mr. H. A. Holliday, wife of Benj. T. Holliday, died at her home in Winchester yesterday, after a brief illness of pneumonia, aged 60 years. She was formerly Miss Motter, of Hagerstown, Maryland.

Roy Evans, the baseball pitcher in Danville, yesterday was arranged in the mayor's court on the charge with making away with about \$200 worth of watches and jewelry that belonged to Maude Young. The woman acknowledged that she had loaned Evans the articles and said she did not care to prosecute him. The ball player had pawned the articles, and if given time, he said, it was his intention to redeem them. He was acquitted.

Ten white men were pitted against one hundred and fifty negroes in a race riot at Windsor yesterday afternoon, in which Obith Ashburn, colored, was instantly killed, Louie Johnson, a negro, was so badly injured that he will die, and H. D. Johnson, Thomas Johnson and Wiley Davidson, whites, were badly but probably not seriously injured. The trouble started in Gaines' store, and was caused by an obstreperous colored woman, who insisted on dancing and singing and behaving in a generally disorderly manner.

Official.

AN ORDINANCE to fix the grades and line of the curbs on Columbus street from Wolfe street to Wilkes street.

Section 1. Be it ordained that the curb grades on Columbus street from Wolfe street to Wilkes street be as follows:

Beginning at the south curb of Wolfe street at an elevation of 24.73-100 feet above city datum, thence a descending grade of 3.52-100 per cent. for 250 feet to an elevation of 25.94-100 feet, thence a descending grade to an elevation of 24.23 feet at the north line of curb at Wilkes street.

Section 2. The line of curbs shall be 151 feet east and west of the monument center line of the street as now fixed by stones.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.

Passed the Common Council Nov. 13, 1906. HUBERT SNOWDEN, President.

Passed the Board of Aldermen Nov. 19, 1906. J. T. SWEENEY, President.

Approved November 17, 1906. FRED J. PAFF, Mayor.

Tested: DANIEL E. STARKLEY, Clerk C. C.

The R. F. & P. R. R.

The conference to determine whether the interest of the State in the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad is to be placed at the mercy of the Pennsylvania system was held in the private office of Governor Swanson, yesterday, in Richmond. The Governor, with the State board of proxies; President George W. Stevens, of the Chesapeake and Ohio; Samuel Res, third vice-president of the Pennsylvania, and the man whose action has caused all the trouble to the State; Judge Leigh B. Watts, Judge Leake, who has recently resigned as the official head of the road and whose successor the Pennsylvania purposes to name; A. J. Conti, Res's first assistant, and Alexander Hamilton, general counsel for the Atlantic Coast Line, were among those present.

A. P. Thom, general counsel for the Southern, represented that line in the absence of President Spencer, who was detained by the annual meeting in Cincinnati. Col. John B. Purcell, an individual stockholder in the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac, was present as a representative of the stockholders.

The absence of the president of the Southern, who had expressed himself as inclined to do all in his power to protect the interests of Virginia and the stockholders, was disappointing to the representatives of the State.

While no definite information relative to the result of the conference leaked out, recent developments in the situation justify the presumption that the names of Judge Leake, F. W. Scott, of the brokerage firm of Scott & Stringfellow, and C. E. Doyle, general manager of the Chesapeake and Ohio, were mentioned in connection with the presidency. Judge Leake, it is understood, is the first choice of the State proxies.

It is said that the railroad men were conciliatory and the meeting was harmonious. There is hardly a doubt that it was made clear by the governor that Judge W. J. Leake would be the first choice of the State for president of the road, in which it owns so valuable an interest. Anything else than a fair action toward the State in this matter would cause an imbroglio between the State and the Pennsylvania Railroad that would be fought out in the legislature, possibly to the great danger of all interests.

Judge Leake has not signified his willingness to again become president of the road, but it is confidently believed that in order to ameliorate the situation in which the State finds itself he would not decline.

At noon the conference adjourned, to meet again in Richmond December 10. The election of Judge Leake's successor was postponed until December 11.

The meeting of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac stockholders, which was to have been held immediately following the conference, was also necessarily postponed until the day of the December conference.

It was learned yesterday afternoon that as a result of the meeting the capital stock of the road would probably be increased enough so that the dividends on it would keep the earnings of the company within the 15 per cent. limit. In the charter of 1835 is provided that whenever the earnings of the road shall be in excess of 15 per cent. of the capital stock the rates and tariffs shall be lowered. Some years ago it was found that the road was still earning more than the 15 per cent. dividend. In order to keep this down \$1,072,000 of dividend obligation stock was issued. The six roads—Pennsylvania, Baltimore and Ohio, Chesapeake and Ohio, a Atlantic Coast Line, Southern and Seaboard Air Line—now own 9,400 shares of the original voting stock, against 2,700 shares owned by the State of Virginia, and so have control of the company.

As the increase in stock was found serviceable before, it is believed now that the same method will be tried again. The dividends derived from its stock by the State are now being put into a sinking fund to pay off the State debt, which is, in round numbers, \$25,500,000. The dividends on the State stock last year amounted to something more than \$10,000.

In case the Pennsylvania and allied railroad interests refuse to accede to the wishes of the State in relation to the choice of a president, Virginia has several means of retaliation. The charter, which was granted in 1834, and remains unchanged, provides that it shall be the road's duty at all times to "transport on any convenient place of delivery on the road, which the owner of the goods may indicate, and there to deliver all articles which shall have been delivered to them for transportation, or offered to them in proper condition on the road convenient for the reception thereof." A similar provision applies to passengers. Thus the State, if it saw fit, could, under the old charter, cause the management of the road considerable trouble.

COURT OF APPEALS. Yesterday's proceedings of the Court of Appeals were as follows:

Harrisonburg Harness Co. vs. National Furniture Co. Fully argued and submitted.

Morgan vs. Booker. Submitted on briefs.

Puckett vs. Mullin's administrator. Fully argued and continued.

Next cases to be called: Helm vs. Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank et al., Park Land and Improvement Co. vs. Lane, Williams vs. Virginia State Insurance Co., Brown, receiver, et al., vs. Howard and Whitehead, trustees—Trout et al., vs. Pratt, being Nos. 9 to 13, inclusive, on the privileged docket.

Terrific Experience. After the terrible experience of being locked up for six days and nights without food in an icehouse, from which he could not escape, his only companions being hundreds of rats, Carl Hammond, an aged tramp, is today in the German Hospital at Williamsburg, N. Y., a wreck. Scant hope is entertained for his recovery. The old man was rescued from his prison when children heard his groans and called a policeman. Hammond struck Williamsburg a week ago Sunday, tired and without a place to go. He saw the icehouse and entered. While Hammond was asleep a carpenter nailed up the door of the icehouse. Hunger and thirst drove him nearly wild. Then came the rats. At first he fought them off. Then as his strength failed he could no longer do so.

DeWitt's Little Early Elixir. About the most reliable pain on the market. Sold by W. F. Creighton & Co., 401 King street.

Today's Telegraphic News

The Gillette Trial. Herkimer, N. Y., Nov. 20.—The trial of Chester S. Gillette, charged with the murder of Grace Brown, attracts widespread attention here.

Gillette has told his counsel that he has every confidence in his ability to convince the jury of his innocence, and that it was the shame of a fatherless child which led Grace Brown to take her own life. Gillette will tell the details of his relationship with Grace Brown from the time of their first meeting until she fled in terror that first fatal night on the lake when she plunged with a cry into the water because he told her that they had reached the parting of the lovers' lane.

The prisoner has carefully rehearsed in his cell the story he will tell on the witness stand. He says he is ready to meet the searching inquiry of the prosecution's cross-examination.

Counsel for Gillette do not believe the State has any evidence which will cause them to change their present plan of putting Gillette on the stand. Gillette's perfect confidence in himself and his cool nerve when the State brings damaging testimony against him, has caused his counsel and because of his story, well told, creates that saving element—a reasonable doubt.

Miss Frances Brown, sister of Grace Brown, was a witness today, and identified the clothing of her dead sister, which she wore the day she was drowned. Tearfully the sister told the jury that she had helped Grace make the clothes which were to be the wedding trousseau. Mrs. J. M. Crum, of South Otsele, a dressmaker, identified several pieces of clothing which she said she had made for Grace Brown before she left for the Adirondacks with Chester E. Gillette. The testimony indicated that Grace Brown believed that Chester Gillette might marry her up to the last day on the lake and that she was preparing for the wedding. Mrs. Brown, mother of the drowned girl, sobbed bitterly as she saw pieces after piece of the clothing picked up and identified as belonging to her child.

The story of a lover's waning affection was told today in the correspondence of Grace Brown and Chester E. Gillette, introduced in evidence against Gillette. The letters disclosed the fact that Gillette had tired of his sweetheart, who was about to become a mother, and wanted to get rid of her. The girl clung to him to the end and begged him to save her from the shame of her life. Gillette listened to the reading with tears in his eyes. His head rested in his hand and he displayed his first emotion in the trial. These letters were found in Gillette's room and in the trunk.

District Attorney Ward read the last letter which showed that Gillette had sent for Grace Brown to take the trip to Big Moose. It was a letter filled with deep emotion.

Caruso Preparing for Trial.

New York, Nov. 20.—Signor Caruso, Italian tenor of the Metropolitan Opera Company, is preparing for his arraignment in Yorkville police court tomorrow on the charge of annoying a woman in the Central Park monkey house on Friday. He is working his temper up to the exploding point. Caruso is mad and he proposes to let everyone know it.

Today Caruso had a lot to say, denying almost everything in connection with his arrest. Caruso's lawyers will try to show up the park police system.

The police, too, are doing considerable work, while not talking as vigorously as Caruso, and say they will have a few sensations to reveal at the hearing. They promise to produce "Mrs. Graham," the woman who made the complaint against Caruso. The latest report is that this woman is a personal friend of Cain, the arresting detective. Cain is being backed by high officials of the police department and the court battle is sure to be interesting.

Killed in Automobile Accident.

New York, Nov. 20.—Following the fatal termination of the last drive of Tom Cooper, dare-devil automobile chauffeur, in Central Park last night, it brought a romance of the chauffeur's life. Miss Helen Levick, the only one of Cooper's party to escape fatal injuries, it is now believed, was really the bride of Cooper, who was supposed to be a confirmed bachelor. Two lives have already paid for Cooper's terrible drive through the park and it is expected another of the party will die soon. Cooper was instantly killed when his machine dashed into a stalled car on the narrow path. David Barkalow, a cotton exchange broker, died soon after the accident and Miss Helen Levick, an actress, is in Roosevelt hospital with a fractured skull, and other injuries. No hope is entertained for her recovery.

Postal Cards for Bond.

Atlantic City, N. J., Nov. 20.—A girl who evolved the idea of avenging the treatment of Countess de Castellane by venting her spite on Count Bondi with an illustrated post card has started a fad that promises to swamp the count with tokens of American disapproval. Starting with the one card on which Bondi is reminded that he is now a "dead one" dealers along the Board walk assert that hundreds of cards to be used for the purpose are being purchased by smiling maids and matrons to be mailed to the spendthrift nobleman. Beside the "dead one" card, that attests most popular, others call the attention of the Court to his financial state with "You're all right, but you're broke." "When father goes to work," and other similar reminders.

The Thaw Trial.

New York, Nov. 20.—It will be before Recorder Goddard that the fight for the life of Harry K. Thaw will be waged. Recorder Goddard is the judge who tried the famous cases of Roland Molineux and Albert T. Patrick. District Attorney Jerome and his assistant, Garvin, appeared before Recorder Goddard today, and asked for a special panel of 150 names from which to select the Thaw jury. The jury will be ordered to report on December 3, and there seems little doubt now that the trial will start without further delay on that date.

New York Stock Market.

New York, Nov. 20.—The stock market showed a firm tone through the first hour, with an aggressive buying in a number of stocks in which important developments are supposed to be pending. The Standard Oil interests are known to be important factors on the bull side of the stocks that have been marked leaders for the last nine days.

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Runaway Train Wrecked.

Asheville, N. C., Nov. 20.—With the whistle tied down and wailing the echoes in the mountain valleys with a wailing shriek fast freight No. 72 on the Southern Railway sped down the mountain side for ten miles at a speed of seventy miles an hour and then left the track in a wild plunge of death and destruction. Conductor J. G. Wolfe and Fireman Horace West, both of Asheville, are dead and Engineer Joseph Doherty and Brakeman William Rowe, also of Asheville, are believed to be fatally injured. The freight is a mass of debris.

As the train started down the steep mountain grade the air brakes on the engine failed. Doherty reversed his engine and whistled for hand set brakes. The crew raced to the car tops, but before the brake shoes had caught on a single car the train had gained such a momentum that nothing could stop it. Every man of the crew stuck to his post trying to stop the train until the train had gathered such a momentum that it meant death to jump. Then Doherty tied down his whistle and with West prayed for deliverance from the fate which they knew to be inevitable. Conductor Wolfe ordering his brakemen to continue setting brakes hastened forward to see if he could be of any assistance with the engine crew. The train whizzed through Point tunnel several miles an hour, with the men lying flat on the cars to keep from being sucked off by the friction of the air. Out into the open the train dashed and then the leap over an embankment on a sharp curve. The train rolled over and over carrying trees and telegraph poles with it as clean as though a giant scythe had been at work. Not a man of the crew escaped injury, and that all were not instantly killed is regarded as a miracle. It is believed that at least two tramps are buried in the wreckage, as they were seen on the train, but no trace of them has been found.

As the train started down the mountain operators along the line heard the wailing shriek of the whistle, and interpreting it ordered the track cleared. The result was that the freight encountered no other trains and a much greater loss of life was prevented.

Butcher's Shop Dynamited.

Raffalo, N. Y., Nov. 20.—A dynamite bomb was hurled against the entrance of a butcher shop kept by Dominick Bellesino in the Italian quarter, early today, shattering the front of the two story brick building and smashed every window in two rows of Italian tenements. Scores of Italians were thrown into a panic. Rushing from doorways, men, women and children ran wildly into Central street. The police have arrested one suspect in connection with the explosion. Dominick Bellesino is regarded as one of the wealthiest Italians in the colony along lower Main street. About six weeks ago he received a mysterious letter demanding that he leave \$500 in a certain secluded spot or suffer death with his entire family.

Fire at Stockton.

Stockton, Md., Nov. 20.—Fire which started here late last night threatened to destroy the entire town. The fire started in the store of P. E. Wharton and a terrific explosion occurred which completely wrecked the building and sent the flames in every direction. The fire spread rapidly and it was only through the heroic work of the firemen and citizens that prevented the complete destruction of the village. Clarence Parsons, a clerk for P. E. Wharton & Son, who was asleep in the building at the time of the fire, was burned to death. The loss is estimated at \$60,000 partially insured.

Sandbagged and Robbed.

Jersey City, N. J., Nov. 20.—While passing under the Lackawanna Railroad bridge, at Monmouth street and Hoboken Avenue, this morning, Floyd Kibler, 15 years old, a Standard Oil Company messenger, on his way to the First National Bank, was held up by four boys who knocked him unconscious with a sandbag and robbed him of \$1,200. The boys fled and have so far eluded the police.

Campaign Contributions.

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 20.—Among the contributors to the campaign fund of the New York republican county committee which expended a total of \$103,732.70 were: J. Pierpont Morgan, \$1,000; Geo. W. Perkins, \$1,000; John D. Rockefeller, \$200; E. H. Cary, \$1,000; James B. Ford, \$2,500; Otto Barnard, treasurer of the county committee, \$2,500; Aaron Phelps Stokes, \$10.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVES.

The Arctic steamer Roosevelt is now weather bound in St. Georges Bay, Newfoundland. She has been there since last Saturday and has taken on a further supply of coal.

The adjourned meeting of the National Civil Service Reform League convened in New Haven, Conn., today. Daniel C. Gilman was re-elected president of the league and the vice presidents were also re-elected.

Hannah Elias the notorious actress paramour of John R. Platt, is to be permitted to keep the thousands of which she secured from the aged New York millionaire, according to the decision of the New York Court of Appeals.

Mary Woobey, whose daughter-in-law was to be put on trial at Lyons, N. Y., this afternoon for the murder of her son, Porter Woobey, died last night of nervous prostration as the result of the crime and resulting complications. Charlotte Jones Woobey is charged with stabbing her husband to death.

Charges of mistreatment of his crew on his dash to the Arctic regions are made at Ottawa, Ont., against Commander Perry by Thomas Shortall one of the Roosevelt's crew in a letter received by a friend here. Conditions on board the Roosevelt were far worse than the horrors of the frozen North, Shortall declares.

Deaths from Appendicitis

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THE METHODISTS.

In opening the religious exercises of the Virginia conference of the M. E. Church South, at Portsmouth yesterday, Bishop Hendrix enjoined the preachers who were to quit old charges and go to new ones to stop "miserable" letter writing to former churches and discrediting the influence of their successors.

Presiding elders and conference secretaries will hereafter be excused from preaching at conferences.

Rev. James Cannon, of the committee for evangelistic work at Jamestown, made a report endorsing the proposition to hold evangelistic services during the exposition, the conference accepting no liability for any fixed sum.

The membership of the Methodist church in Virginia is 99,424. Memorial church, Lynchburg, is the banner Rosebud church, while Rappahannock district is the banner district.

The Rev. B. L. Lipscomb, chairman of the joint board of finance, submitted the following figures:

Conference collections, \$14,521.73; increase, \$111.26.

Bishop's fund, \$3,201.99; increase, \$86.

Education, \$5,039.74; increase, \$214.

Church extension, \$6,401.41; increase, \$221.

Conference entertainment, \$1,254.47; increase, \$99.

Bible cause, \$1,915.70; increase, \$910.

Domestic missions, \$12,836.35; decrease, \$48.

Foreign missions, \$25,835.17; increase, \$217.

Children's day, \$1,464.17; decrease, \$177.

Conference minutes, \$410.65; increase, \$105.

The temperance committee recommended that Methodists throw their influence at the polls on the side of temperance. "We deem it important to the moral and material interests of our church and our commonwealth," says the report, "that the men elected to political office shall be men of decided temperance convictions, who will give their aid to the overthrow of this mighty power of evil, and that we will seek only such for official positions."

The next conference will be held at Petersburg on the Wednesday after the second Sunday in November, 1907.

The appointments were made and the conference adjourned. The following are among the appointments:

Gordonville, G. W. Watkins; Orange, C. C. Wertsch; Woodville, to be supplied; Culpeper, F. L. Wells, Jr.; M. Burton, supernumerary; Culpeper circuit, A. S. J. Rice; Rappahannock, H. J. Brown; Westmoreland, H. H. Smith; Montross, C. O. Tuttle; King George, C. F. Hobday; Spottsylvania, G. H. Ray.

The Eastern Hospital.

Two reports have been made of the investigation into the affairs of the Eastern State Hospital, and they were signed yesterday afternoon in Williamsburg. The majority report has been filed with the governor and released for publication. The minority paper will be filed today.

The majority report praises the hospital staff. Dr. Foster and his assistants are warmly commended in a lengthy document. Minor reforms are suggested. The report denies the existence of graft and warmly defends Dr. Williams. New buildings are recommended.

Blasphemy and riot last night at Williamsburg came near playing an important part in the Eastern State Hospital investigation which ended yesterday afternoon. About 150 men and boys inimical to Dr. Foster, superintendent of the hospital, gathered after dark, and having purchased a coffin, decorated it with candles, and marched from one end of the city to the other, singing songs and jeering